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5 June 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Walt W. Rostow
Special Assistant to the President

SUBJECT: Possible Information on Source of Report on
Alleged VC Plot to Kidnap Captain Robb

1. On 3 June 1968, we instructed our Saigon Station to do everything possible to check out and follow up the report on the alleged VC plot to kidnap Captain Robb outlined in Saigon Embassy telegram 28874, 2 June 1968.

2. We have just been advised that on 5 June (Saigon time) Major David Gordon, a Canadian ICC Officer, told one of our Station officers that on or about 22 May an unidentified Indian enlisted signalman burst into the Canadian Officers' residential villa and asked to speak to Commissioner R. N. Tait. According to Gordon, the Indian reported that he "had heard" (from sources he did not identify) that the Viet Cong were plotting to kidnap Captain Robb and felt that Commissioner Tait should inform the Americans. Commissioner Tait hustled the Indian off the premises and the entire group dismissed the report as a wild rumor.

3. Major Gordon said this Indian (whose name Gordon believed he could obtain) is considered by the Canadians as a black marketeer and "angle man" with numerous unsavory connections among local Vietnamese. (Gordon described the source as the "only Indian in Saigon with an American commissary card.")

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4. When our officer told Major Gordon that the Embassy had received a report of such a plot from the GVN, Gordon said he was unaware of this fact but remarked that the Indian "probably told anyone who was willing to listen". Our Station understands that the information in Embassy telegram 28874 was obtained by Col. Jacobsen from a GVN source. Though the original GVN source is not known, it could easily be Major Gordon's Indian.

5. Our Station will of course continue to follow up on this matter and we will advise you promptly of any further information or clarification obtained.

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